

## Stories of Great Scouts

By Elmo Scott Watson

### THE IRON NERVE OF SAM HOUSTON, THE VIRGINIAN

Courage and daring were qualities characteristic of all the scouts who won their right to fame in frontier history, but for iron nerve and pure grit Sam Houston was the peer of them all. Perhaps he inherited his fortitude from his father, who was a soldier in the Revolution; perhaps during his long stay among the Cherokee Indians he learned that a warrior bears pain without flinching.

Houston was a Virginian who had entered the army and risen to the rank of ensign at the outbreak of the Creek war in 1813. Gen. Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," had taken the field against the Creeks and, after a series of battles in which the Indians were defeated, they made a last stand at their fortified encampment, Tohopeka, in the Great Horsehoe bend of the Tallapoosa river, Ala.

During the assault on this fort, a barbed arrow struck Houston in the thigh. He tried to pull it out, but failed. The agony was frightful. Calling to a soldier, Houston commanded him to extract the shaft. Twice the man tried and failed, then begged to be relieved of the task when he saw the unspeakable torture he was causing.

"Try again," commanded Houston. "And if you fail, I'll run you through with my sword!"

The third attempt was successful, and as the barbed shaft was torn from the flesh, it was followed by a rush of blood. General Jackson, seeing Houston's wound, ordered him to the rear. The young ensign waited until Jackson had passed on, and in a few minutes he was back in the thick of the fighting.

The high peak in Houston's adventurous life came in 1836 when, at the head of a little army of 800 Texans, with the battle cry of "Remember the Alamo!" on their lips, he defeated the hordes of Santa Anna, the Mexican dictator, at San Jacinto, and won freedom for Texas. He was elected first president of the Lone Star republic.

At the outbreak of the Civil war, Houston, who was governor of Texas, was bitterly opposed to the secession of that state from the Union. The Confederates forced him to resign. They required all men over sixteen to register and to carry a pass while traveling. Houston refused to do either. Once they stopped him and demanded his pass. "San Jacinto is my pass through Texas!" thundered the brave old man as he rode on.

Houston died at his home in Huntsville July 26, 1863, with the name of Texas on his lips.

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### JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH, THE AMERICAN ULYSSES

This is a story of a modern Ulysses, a frontier hero of many wanderings, who died without receiving the fame which was his due, a man whose service to America has been but lately appreciated by his countrymen. Jedediah Strong Smith was his name, and his contribution to history was the first accurate mapping of the great West.

Smith was born in New York in 1790. As a boy he played with the young Seneca Indians of Chief Cornplanter's tribe, and learned their lore. He became an expert with the bow and arrow, which he afterward carried on all of his expeditions. Once he brought down a hawk flying about 75 yards above him, and he could drive a shaft to the heart of a buffalo as skillfully as any Indian hunter.

In years of wandering Smith crossed the western country on the south from the Colorado river to the Pacific; he crossed it midway from the Rockies to the Pacific, and he traversed it on the north from California to the Rockies. He visited all the important streams from Arizona to the Yellowstone country, and he made accurate notes of all he saw. This information was used in correcting the unreliable maps of the day and proved of inestimable value to later explorers.

Smith's death was heroic. In 1831 he was guiding a wagon train over

The Santa Fe trail. The train had taken a short cut around the head of the Cimarron river and soon was lost in a desert country. Water must be found at once. Smith set out in search of a stream, and finally reached one. While drinking, he was surrounded by a band of Comanches, who determined to have the white man's gun.

The Indians signaled peace, and after talking in the sign language for a while, they succeeded in frightening Smith's horse. As it turned, they shot at the scout with arrows, wounding him in the arm. Smith wheeled about, shot the chief dead with his rifle and killed two more savages with his pistols. Then grasping his ax, the scout dashed into their midst. They cut him down with their lances, but when they approached to scalp him, Smith rose up again and stabbed three of them with his knife. Then he dropped dead. The Indians afterward admitted that he had killed 13 of their party before he died!

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### JIM BECKWORTH, MULATTO WHO BECAME CROW CHIEF

Jim Beckworth, without doubt, was the most-married man in history. Just how many wives he had is unknown. In his autobiography Jim mentions at least seven spouses, but his reputation for truth was not the best. Beckworth was the son of a Maryland Irishman and a negress, and he was born in 1798. When he left St. Louis with General Ashley's fur-trading expedition in 1823 he had a sweetheart named Eliza, to whom he pledged eternal devotion.

Among the Blackfeet Indians he won his first wife, marrying her because it would help his trade among her tribesmen! Soon afterwards he married her sister, too. Later he left the Blackfeet, to trade with the Crows, and he acquired several more wives. Jim was a man of great strength and a remarkable runner. One day he was attacked by a war party who pursued him for 35 miles before he finally outran them. At another time when a force of 2,500 Arrikaras and Sioux attacked the Crows, the mulatto led the Absarokes (Crows) so bravely that 253 of the enemy were killed. Beckworth had three horses shot under him in this fight and killed 14 of the Sioux. He was adopted by the Crows, and because of his deeds in war, he rose to the position of first counselor, the highest honor in the tribe.

At the outbreak of the Mexican war he enlisted as a scout and dispatch bearer for Gen. Phil Kearney. He also carried dispatches to California and he was there in 1848, when gold was discovered. He mined for a while until the discovery of gold in Colorado in 1859 lured him to that state. He settled in Denver and married again—this time a negro girl.

The Crows heard of his return from California and sent messengers to him, begging him to return to them. Misfortune had come to the tribe, and they needed his "strong medicine." Beckworth paid no heed to their pleadings until 1869, when he finally visited them. But he refused to live with them permanently. When he announced his intention of returning to Colorado, they prepared a great farewell feast in his honor. Beckworth ate their food and dropped dead. The Crows had given him poison. The Crows believed his "medicine" would pass into his spirit, and that wherever his bones rested the spirit would remain. They resolved to have both, and took that means of getting them!

### ARMY SELLS OLD RIFLE RANGE

Tract Bought for \$17,276 Disposed of for \$254,100.

Detroit.—Sale of the old National Guard rifle range, consisting of 101 acres, situated on Mack avenue, near Alter road, was announced by the war department last week. The purchase price was \$254,100, which is \$236,824 more than was paid for it 20 years ago.

Abandonment of the range has been considered since the close of the war because of the building up of the district in which it is situated. There has been no rifle practice since 1918, when it was used by the home guard units. Previous to that it was used by the National Guard and troops from Fort Wayne.

## SCHOOL DAYS



## Mother's Cook Book

This is a difficult world indeed And people are hard to suit. The man that plays the violin Is a bore to the man with a flute.

### FAVORITE DISHES.

WHEN it comes to cooking for the family, the housemother does indeed have a hard time to suit all members, if they are not normal in their appetites.

### Apple and Banana Salad.

Scop out apple balls, cover with lemon juice, and prepare banana balls, using a small French potato cutter. Heap on head lettuce, sprinkle with paprika and serve with a highly seasoned French dressing or a rich mayonnaise.

### Honey Mousse.

Heat one cupful of well-flavored honey. Beat four eggs slightly and pour the hot honey over them. Cook until smooth and thick; when cooked add a pint of cream, whipped. Put the mixture into a mold, pack in salt and ice and let stand three or four hours.

### Tomatoes With Ham.

Cut medium-sized tomatoes in halves, dip in seasoned flour and fry brown on both sides. Fry in another frying pan as many small round slices of ham as there are halves of tomatoes. Broil the ham until crisp. Place a slice of ham on the tomato and pour over the ham gravy. Serve sprinkled with chopped parsley.

### Carrots a la Poilette.

Wash and scrape eight medium-sized carrots. Cut them into thin slices, cook in a small amount of salted boiling water with one thinly sliced onion; season with pepper. When tender add two tablespoonfuls of butter mixed with flour, stirring constantly, and just before serving stir in the well-beaten yolks of two eggs. Serve as soon as the eggs are cooked.

### String Beans With Beurre Noir.

Prepare a quart of beans cut into inch pieces. Cook in boiling salted water; drain and place on a hot dish. Pour over the following sauce: Melt one-fourth of a cupful of butter until a delicate brown, add four tablespoonfuls of vinegar; when hot pour over the beans and serve at once. Salt pork cut in small dice and fried until brown may be used in place of butter for this dish. Pour the fat, with the bits of browned pork over the beans.

### Chicken Jelly Salad.

Soften one-half cupful of gelatin in three tablespoonfuls of cold water. Add one cupful of chicken broth, salt, pepper, onion juice and celery salt to taste. To one cupful each of cooked chicken and celery arranged in layers add the gelatin and also slices of hard-cooked egg. Let harden slightly and add another layer until all is used. Chill and when firm unmold and serve with mayonnaise dressing on lettuce.

This may be molded in individual

molds, making a most attractive salad.

### Delmonico Peach Pudding.

Turn a pint can of peaches into a pudding dish. Scald two cupfuls of milk in a double boiler. Mix two and one-half tablespoonfuls of cornstarch with three tablespoonfuls of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Stir into the hot milk; cook, stirring until the mixture thickens, then cover and cook for fifteen minutes. Beat the yolks of two eggs, add a tablespoonful of sugar and stir into the hot mixture. When the egg is set pour over the peaches. Beat the whites of the eggs very light, add four tablespoonfuls of sugar, spread over the pudding. Dredge with a teaspoonful of sugar and bake in a moderate oven to cook the meringue. Serve hot or cold.

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## THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

### JACK.

WHILE this name is, of course, the diminutive of John—or, rather, the Anglicized form of the French Jacques—it appears in English in a number of ways which apparently have no connection with the name. Among these may be mentioned boot-jack, jack-knife, lumber-jack, black-jack, Union-jack and jack-tar.

The reason for this usage is because the proper name or nickname, "Jack," has for many years past been applied in England to servants or laborers as a class. Jack is a handy and easy name for a waiter or a caddy, or a groom, much as many Americans apply the name George to any negro porter. For this reason, many appliances which are subject to rough usage or which perform the tasks of a laborer are known by the prefix "jack," with a noun which designates the use to which they are put. The expression "Jack of all trades" is another exemplification of the same usage, while the substitution of the name "Jack" for the "knave" in a pack of cards is an indication of the hard usage which this gentleman undergoes at the hands of the queen, king and ace.

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## LYRICS OF LIFE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

### THE EASY CURE.

YOU had a little hurt today, I know it by your face, A hurt you hoped to hide away,

And yet it left a trace, You tried to wear the usual smile, Yet futilely you tried— That little trouble all the while Was hurting you inside.

My, my, I wish that money, too, Would earn the interest That ordinary troubles do We carry in our breast! Inside ourselves deposited They grow and grow and grow, But not in gold—a load of lead Is all we ever know.

Now, I've a simple little plan I've used with little ills, I'm glad to tell to any man Who's blue around the gills: Just ask yourself: "This little ache, This trouble, anyhow, Just how much difference will it make A year or so from now?"

What was it that you used to want? What was it made you sore?— Your woes a year ago you can't Remember any more! The thought of troubles you forgot Will cut the new in half; And then, I bet, as like as not You will not smile—but laugh!

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## THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

So many things are queer I think Upon this funny earth When I consider high-heeled shoes I just could shriek with mirth



## OVER 50,000 CHECKS MAILED

More Than Half of Applicants for Bonus Have Been Paid.

Lansing.—The auditor general's department passed the 50,000 mark in the number of bonus checks mailed to ex-service men Sept. 8. About 53,000 checks have been sent out. The checks average approximately \$200 and slightly more than half of the \$20,000,000 received by the state a few weeks ago from the sale of bonds and notes for bonus payments has been expended.

Between 80,000 and 90,000 applications for compensation have been approved by the adjutant general's department.

## CAMP GRANT SOLD AT BIG LOSS

Barracks and Fittings Bring About 2 Cents on the Dollar.

Rockford, Ill.—Nearly 4,000 buyers, or would-be buyers, participated in the government auction of one-fourth of the Camp Grant barracks and fittings, held here last week.

The sale realized scarcely two cents on the dollar, officials stated. Barracks buildings suitable to be razed for lumber went at an average price of \$150. Elsewhere similar buildings have been auctioned for from \$300 to \$400.

## PROFITS TAX REPEAL IS ASKED

Treasury Secretary Submits Proposal to Senate Committee.

Washington.—Repeal of all income surtaxes above 25 per cent as of Jan. 1, 1922, and of the capital stock tax as of July 1, 1922, were among the new revenue revision proposals submitted by Secretary of the Treasury A. W. Mellon to the senate finance committee last week.

## Her Curiosity Leads to Divorce.

New Orleans, La.—"D— her curiosity any way," the husband of Margaret B. Speakman was saying. Margaret always had been curious as to what really happened in divorce courts. So she organized a party of friends and went to court to see and hear. Margaret received the shock of her life when her husband was introduced in one of the cases as correspondent. Now Margaret's suit for separation is pending in the court and friend husband is peeved.

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GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

We want you to have the best paper for "BULL." So now you can receive with each package a book of 24 leaves of BULL—the very finest cigarette paper in the world.

Then there is the man who seems destined to go through life hitting his thumb on the back while trying to hit the nail on the head.

## IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if Kidneys feel like lead or Bladder bothers you—Meat forms uric acid.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding various complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

## DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Sage Tea and Sulphur Darkens So Naturally that Nobody can tell.

Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur in the hair. Our grandmother made up a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur to keep her locks dark and beautiful, and thousands of women and men who value that even color, that beautiful dark shade of hair which is so attractive, use only this old-time recipe.

Nowadays we get this famous mixture improved by the addition of other ingredients by asking at any drug store for a bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, which darkens the hair so naturally, so evenly, that nobody can possibly tell it has been applied. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also brings back the gloss and lustre and gives it an appearance of abundance.

Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound is a delightful toilet requisite to impart color and a youthful appearance to the hair. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

## MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

By Charles Sughrue

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